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FOLLOWING ITEM APPEARED VIETNAM PRESS AUGUST 4:

BEGIN TEXT

QUOTE: FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM TALK BY NGUYEN VAN THIEU NGUYEN CAO KY SLATE ON BROADCAST AUGUST 3, 1967.
DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PEOPLE AND THE ARMED FORCES WE SERVED THE NATION AND PEOPLE TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE POLITICAL STABILIZATION, MILITARY

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VICTORIES, SECURITY IMPROVEMENT IN RURAL AREAS AND ECONIMIC AND SOCIAL IMPROVEMENTS, WE REALIZE THAT FURTHER GOVERNMENT

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ENDEAVERS AND THE PEOPLE'S EFFORTS ARE NEEDED-IN ALL FIELDS. IN A WORD, MORE EFFORT AND TIME ARE NEEDED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE COMMON RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE PEOPLE.

WE DO NOT THINK THAT IF WE WIN THE RACE, WE WILL BE CAPABLE TO DO ALL GOOD THINGS FOR YOU WITHIN FOUR YEARS, OR THAT OUR GOVERNMENT CAN SOLVE EVERY NATIONAL PROBLEM. WITHIN FOUR YEARS, BUT WE SEE THAT THE PRESENT STABILIZATION THAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF POLITICAL UNREST WAS DUE TO THE EFFORTS AND SACRIFICES OF THE PEOPLE, THE ARMED FORCES, THE CADRES AND THE GOVERNMENT ENGAGED IN THE NATIONAL SALVATION TASK.

THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD BETTER PRESPECTS AND A STEADY STEP TOWARD A MORE STABLE FUTURE.

IF WE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO DEVELOP OUR SUCCESS, WE WOULD MOVE BACKOARD AND MAY LOSE ALL WE HAVE GAINED.

EVEN GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIESLIVING IN PEACE AND IN POLITICAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMICSTABILITY NEED THE PEOPLE'S ASSISTANCE AND NEED TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS, WHY DOES NOT OUR COUNTRY, WHICH LIKE A SICKMAN WHO HAS JUST BEEN RESCUED FROM A SERIOUS ATTACK, NEED TIME TO RECOVER.

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EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT WE NEED TO END THE WAR TO RESTORE PEACE EVERY BODY KNOWS THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD GENUINE DEMOCRACY YET. EVERYBODY IS ASKING FOR IMPROVEMENT AND JUSTICE IN THE SOCIETY AND ELIMINATION OF CORRUPTION. EVERYBODY WISHES FOR A MORE SECURE AND PROSPEROUS LIFE.

EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT EVERY GOVERNMENT PROMISESTHESE THINGS TO THE PEOPLE, BUT EITHER BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF ABILITY OR BECAUSE THEY MADE DEMAGOGIC PROMISES OR BECAUSE OF THE IGNORANCE OF THE WAY OF LEADERSHIP, THEY NOT ONLY WERE UNABLE TO SOLVE ALL TE NATIONAL PROBLEMS AND ALSO CAUSED INSTABILITY IN THE NATION AND MADE THE FALLOWING GOVERNMENTS TO INHERIT DIFFICULTIES.

WE DID NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY WE ENTER THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE TO REALIZE THAT OUR NATION HAS THREE ESSENTIAL PROBLEMS TO SOLVE AND WE CONSIDER THERE WILL BE THREE MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE:

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- BUILDING A DEMOCRACY
ENDING THE WAR
-IMPROVING SOCIETY

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DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO THE POPULATION THESE THREE POINTS AND HAVE TRIED TO REALIZE THEM. BUT BEAUSE THE BURDEN OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS WAS STILL VERY HEAVY, BECAUSE THE POLITICAL SIATUATION WAS NOT STABLIIZED UNTIL LATELY, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT LACKED AT LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC BASIS, AND BECAUSE THE LAST TWO YEARS WERE NOT LONG ENOUGH, THEREFORE, SINCERLY SPEAKING, WE HAVE NOT FULFILLED THOSE POINTS YET.
TODAY, WE DO NOT PLEDGE BY MEANS OF DEMOGOGY AND WITHOUT A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE WILL FULFILL THEM IN THE FOUR YEARS TO COME. HOWEVER, WE ARE CERTAIN THAT WITH THE CURRENTLY FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD AHEAD, WITH THE PRESTIGE OF A POPULARLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT, WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE POPULATION. MUCH PROGRESS IN THESE THREE AREAS WILL CERTAINLY BE ACTED.
WHAT ARE OUR LINES AND PLANS OF ACTIONS? WE WILL EXPLAIN AND DISCUSS WITH YOU IN THE DAYS TO COME ON RADIO AND TELEVISION, IN NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLIC TALKS, ETC...
AN EXAMPLE:
EVERYBODY PLEDGES TO RESTORE PEACE IN THIS COUNTRY SEEN.

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BUT RESTORATION OF PEACE CANNOT BE ATTAINED OVERNIGHT AND IT IS EASIER TO PLEDGE PEACE THEN TO REALIZE IT. WE MUST SEEK TO WEAKEN THE ENEMY WHILE THEY ARE ABLE TO CARRY ON WAR AND AGGRESSION. WE MUST BE STRONG, BOTH MILITARILY AND POLITICALLY TO AVOID A POLITICAL TAKE-OVER BY THE COMMUNISTS AS HAPPENED IN 1945 OR MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IN 1959 OR 1969 PEACE THAT WE IMPOSE WILL LAST FOREVER; ON THE CONTRARY, PEACE THAT IS IMPOSED BY THE ENEMY MAY COME TOMORROW BUT WOULD BE PEACE UNDER COMMUNIST DOMINATION. I BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL NOT ACCEPT SUCH A PEACE.

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REGARDING OUR PERSONAL REASONS TO STAND FOR THE FORTH-COMING ELECTION, THERE ARE TWO:

FIRST : WE BELIEVE IN OURSELVES
BY SAYING SO WE DO NOT BOAST BEING THE MOST QUALIFIED OR PATRIOTIC PERSONS.

BUT A LEADER, BESIDE HIS PATRIOTISM, MUST HAVE A FIRM NATIONALIST STAND BE COURAGEOUS AND DARE TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF. MOREOVER, HE MUST BE WILLING AND HAVE EXPERIENCE TO IMPLEMENT A RENOVATION PROGRAM FOR THE NATION.

THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND HONOR OF A SOLDIER, ALONG WITH OUR ANTI-COMMUNIST PAST AND RECENT EXPERIENCEIN LEADERSHIP WILL BE A GUARANTEE AND WILL HELP US WIN IN THE COMING DAYS.

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SECOND: WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE VOTERS OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

THOUGH WE ARE RUNNING AS PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, WE STILL HAVE THE CREDIT OF BEING SOLDIERS FOR THEVPAST TWENTY YEARS: THEREFORE WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE SUPPORT OF TE ARMED FORCES. IN A NATION AT WAR WHERE THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS NOT ENTIRELY STABLE YET, WHERE NO PARTY OR GROUP IS STRONG ENOUGH TO ASSIST THE GOVERRMENT IN STATE AFFAIRS, ALMOST EVERY ACTIVITY IS UNDERTAKEN BY THE ARMED FORCES THEIR SUPPORT IS A NECCESSITY NOT TO REALIZE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP BUT TO UNITE AND FULFLL ASSIGNED DUTIES.

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, YOU HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO JUDGE OUR LOYALTY TOWARDS THE NATION, AND OUR PATIENCE, DETERMINATION SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE, AND DISINTERESTEDNESS IN CARRYING OUT STATE AFFAIRS.

DEAR VOTERS,

WE HAVE JUST PRESENTED YOU OUR THOUGHTS.

THE RIGHT TO JUDGE US RESTS ON YOU AND YOU WILL MAKE YOUR DECISION ON SEPTEMBER 3.

I HOPE THAT DURING THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN PERIOD, I WILL HAVE FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK WITH YOU.

THANK YOU. END QUOTE.

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